

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claims 1, 5-16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102; claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103; and claims 3, 4 and 17 are objected.

In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application(s) directed to claimed subject matter that has been canceled via cancellation of claims 1-21. Thus, the cancellation of claims 1-21 should not be deemed as an intent on the part of Applicant to narrow and/or disclaim any claimed subject matter in view of same. Accordingly, the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot in view of same.

As previously discussed, Applicant has added claims 22-51. No new matter has been added thereby. Further, Applicant believes that the subject matter as defined in newly added claims 22-51 is patentable over the cited art.

For the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,


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